

## **MINUTES**

### **Green County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee August 5, 2020**

Education Committee was called to order at 12:30 PM by Extension Green County Ag and Extension Chair, Erica Roth.

Members present were: Erica Roth (z), Oscar Olson, Art Carter, Sue Nelson (z), and Dawn Sass. Also present—Jayne Butts, Extension Green County Office Manager; Paul Ohlrogge (z), Extension Area Director; Jackie McCarville(z), Agriculture Educator; Educator; Donna Peterson (z), FoodWise Coordinator; and Hannah McMunn (z), Health & Well Being Educator. – (Note: (z) members/attendees were present via Zoom)

#### **Green County Educator Reports— Samantha Wileman – Summer Intern**

Samantha gave a brief overview about herself --she is from Edgerton. She will be a junior at UW Platteville, majoring in Art Education and going on for a master's degree in fine arts. Her summer program included 3 major projects: Camp in a Box, Premier Exhibitor, and the Summer Virtual Learning Program. Camp in a Box had 149 boxes sold. There were 300 campers between partner county Columbia and Green County. This was a large undertaking with organization of activities, ordering supplies, and packing the boxes. The project was well received and had positive feedback. The boxes contained scavenger hunt information, crafts, and STEM projects. Premier Exhibitor included the online app Kahoot-It. The Premier Exhibitor Learning Program for Livestock Youth—3 segments to the test including small animal, dairy, and livestock. Twelve juniors and 10 seniors participated in the online learning technique. Samantha demonstrated the quiz and how it worked. Next she discussed a Virtual Learning Experience in the Art Category for "Mark Making Technology". Samantha created a publication to learn drawing techniques based on her own illustrations. Samantha expressed her appreciation for working in the Green County Office for the internship that was offered. Her internship was cut back to 6 weeks instead of the usual 13 due to Covid19. Administrator Ohlrogge and Chair Roth thanked Samantha.

#### **Jackie McCarville – Ag Educator**

Jackie discussed working with the State Dairy Team with a heat stress group lining up Zoom winter dairy meetings. They are also composing 15 fact sheets which will be available shortly to producers. She is also busy with a Dairy Beef Cross workgroup. They are working on learning to identify beef cross animals at an earlier age via 3-D Camera imaging. She shared a view of the camera, that was the size of a flashdrive and will be learning how to operate it later today during a zoom meeting. Jackie also discussed working on writing a fact sheet on animal safety and shared a story about being attacked by a Holstein bull earlier this month and now dealing with a plate/pins in her wrist.

Paul thanked both Samantha & Jackie for their reports and further noted he was glad Jackie was not injured worse during her recent animal attack.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 2020 meeting was made by Carter, second Olson. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for June and July 2020. The EFT payments totaled \$57.20 (June) \$128.96 (July) and the check payments totaled \$174.79 (June) \$117.33 (July). Motion made by Carter, second by Olson to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

**Paul Ohlrogge, Area Extension Director/Jayne Butts, Office Manager, Extension Green County:**

**COVID-19 Work from Home Updates:** Ohlrogge advised educators are continuing to work from home, however, can spend more time at the office by notifying him. He further noted Iowa County is continuing to have their offices closed through 1/1/21 due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in rural areas.

**People Gathering per UW-Madison** — Ohlrogge noted gatherings are recommended to stay at 10 people or less, however exceptions will be considered, Contact Administrator Ohlrogge to check on specifics. Distance managed best with 10 people attending in a closed room. Mask wearing and sanitizer is required. Carter discussed Green County has been fortunate with 1%-2% cases in Green County of COVID. He also noted we have learned what an issue inadequate internet is in the county for education purposes.

**Extension Work Place Safety Plans:** Ohlrogge noted he had to file a Work Place Safety Plan for all Area 17 offices. Green County highlighted two areas of “pinch points” that could be a concern—copier/printer cleaning and the kitchenette area. Both easy areas to limit to one person at a time and use wipes to keep clean.

**Face masks in the Green County Office:** The state mandated masks state wide and therefore are expected to be worn. Carter further noted County offices can set standards within offices.

**Second Half Extension Contract Bills:** Ohlrogge noted the second half bill will include a deduction for furlough days for educators of \$2,667-ish. Ohlrogge further noted former Governor Tommy Thompson, now the President of the University of Wisconsin System has been in many discussions with Governor Evers about expected budget cuts for the upcoming year.

**New Extension Contracts for 2021:** Ohlrogge noted the new contracts are being worked on and will reinstate the \$10,000 discount due to county budget issues. Formerly, it was expected that deduction would be eliminated in the 2021 year.

**Appreciation:** Ohlrogge thanked everyone for thoughtfulness from all of Green County during this difficult time. His family has really appreciated so many thoughts and concerns.

**Budget Information**—Butts noted she is in the process of gathering details for the 2021 budget. Noted concern is for the 2022 budget when sales tax lows may impact it more. Supervisor Carter reported sales tax revenue for this year is up from same time last year.

**Sanitizer Station for Building Entrance** – Butts noted she has been working with the Maintenance Department for a sanitizer station near the entrance of the building.

The next meeting will be scheduled for September 2, 2020 at 12:30 pm.

Motion by Olson, second by Sass to adjourn at 1:16 pm. Motion carried.